

period, covering twenty-three years, he has maintained a handsomely equipped office in the Ben Bear building. The extensive practice accorded him is the best evidence of his skill and ability in the line of his chosen profession.

In June, 1886, Dr. Topliff was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Tillotson, a daughter of Charles and Carrie (Beers) Tillotson. The father, who came to Winneshiek county in an early day, here followed farming for a number of years but was living retired at the time of his demise, which occurred in Decorah. The mother is likewise deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Topliff have three children, namely: Myrtle E., who is twenty-four years of age and the wife of John B. Gardner; Alta G., twenty-one years old, who resides at home; and Lyle R., who is nine years of age. The family reside in a handsome home at No. 601 Center avenue.

In politics Dr. Topliff is a republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. On August 1, 1913, he was appointed by Governor Clark as one of five members of the state board of dental examiners, who examine all dentists who wish to practice in the state of Iowa, this appointment emphasizing his standing in the profession. Both he and his wife were affiliated with the Unity church until the organization disbanded. He is a prominent member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has served as deputy district grand master of this district, while in the present year he acts as district deputy grand patriarch. He is likewise chairman of the mileage and per diem committee of the grand lodge of Iowa and a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. A man of genial, cordial nature, he has gained the good-will and friendship of all with whom he has been associated in professional, fraternal and social relations.

ANDREW T. BOE.

Andrew T. Boe, an active and progressive young farmer of Madison township, owning and operating one hundred acres of land on section 32, is a native son of Winneshiek county, born in Military township, July 3, 1883. He is a son of Thore and Mary (Loken) Boe, natives of Norway, the former of whom came to America and located in Rock Island, Illinois, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he removed to Winneshiek county, and a short time afterward purchased a farm in Military township, which he cleared, improved and operated until 1901, when he retired from active life and removed to Decorah, where he remained for two years. He then returned to the farm and died upon his holdings, September 17, 1911. His wife survives him and resides upon the homestead.

Andrew T. Boe was reared and educated in Military township, acquiring his early education in the district schools and later attended Breckenridge Institute in Decorah. While still a student in the latter institution he worked for B. Anundsen in the plant of the Decorah Posten, where he remained for five summers, attending school during the winter months. After completing his education he worked as a farm hand for two years and then rented his father's